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## SPECIAL EDITION

We have just received an urgent request from the Coalition to Save our Documentary Heritage. They need help in their effort to prevent a devastating budgetary cutback of the National Archives and to prevent termination of the seventeen year old National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the funding agency for the John Muir Microform Project. When the Office of Management and Budget submitted its 1983 budget, zero funding was allocated for the NHPRC. If this proposal is left unchallenged, the end of many records preservation programs, including the John Muir Project, appears imminent.

However, there is a glimmer of hope despite the seemingly dark future: should the Senate not act on appropriations bill H. R. 4121-- which at this time it appears likely it will not-- then the appropriations committee will make adjustments prior to passing another continuing resolution. This step allows concerned citizens, such as yourself, to influence the new continuing resolution. If change in the continuing resolution is impossible, several Congressmen have expressed interest in a supplemental NARS/NHPRC appropriation.

In order to keep these possibilities alive we urge you to write your Congressmen and other members of the Committee supporting the reauthorization of the NHPRC grants program for another five years, starting at \$4 million in fiscal year 1983, with possible increments each year. An unified effort to awaken Congress to these needs may spell the difference between success and failure.

Below is a list of Congressmen who are in a position to influence the Conference Committee.

### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NHPRC:

House of Representatives--Appropriations: Edward R. Roybal (D-CA), Chairman; Clarence E. Miller (R-OH), ranking; Joseph p. Addabbo (D-NY); Daniel k. Akaka (D-HI); Sidney R. Yates (D-IL); David r. Obey (D-WI); Eldon Rudd (R-AZ); Carroll A. Campbell (R-SC); full committee: Jamie Whitten (D-MS), Chairman; Silvio Conte (R-MA), ranking.

House of Representatives--Subcommittee on Gov't Information and Individual Rights: Glenn English (D-OK), Chairman; Thomas Kindness (R-OH), ranking; Ted Weiss (D-NY); John L. Burton (D-CA); John N.